

# SPORTS

## SHELBY DAILY STAR

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### Sports Roundup

**NEW YORK, March 31.—(P)—**Rumor Dept. From a former Big Six footballer now a limited service soldier comes the tip that Fort Benning's infantry school will move into the "major league" football class next fall. . . . Story is that some of the brass hats who noticed all the hullabaloo about the air force teams last season have approved a plan whereby former grid stars returning from overseas will be assigned to the infantry school. . . . They had a couple of pretty fair infantry teams at Fort Benning last year, you remember. . . . Walt Kennedy, Notre Dame vacationing tub thumper, reports he was accused of watching the basketball tournament games at the Garden to pick up a few tips so he could coach the team next winter. . . . Branch Rickey has given Leo Durocher an ultimatum to quit the radio or quit the Dodgers. Branch apparently prefers Leos old style of broadcasting without a mike.

Two tall forwards, Truitt Latham and R. C. Looney, scored 373 and 864 points, respectively. . . . The school has only 26 boys—13 on the cage squad—and no gymnasium of its own. . . . Jim McIntyre of Patrick Henry high, Minneapolis, set a state tournament record of 100 points in three games. He's 17 years old, 6-9 1-3, and doesn't know where he's going to college. . . . Bill Ohrenberger, baseball coach at Boston's English high, is working a squad of 200 candidates, of whom three are veterans from last year. . . . Bill puts on four games at a time to try them out.

#### SERVICE DEPT.

Capt. Jack Chevigny, killed on D-Day at Iwo Jima, was the eleventh National Football League alumnus to lose his life in the war. Chevigny was former coach of the Chicago Cardinals. . . . Other ex-National Leaguers at Iwo were Capt. George Franck (Giants), who went ashore as a Marine Air Corps liaison officer; Lt. Bill Lazetich (Cleveland), and Lt. Paul Szakash (Detroit). . . . Lt. Joe Maniaci relief at the Bainbridge Naval Training Center is Lt. P. E. Pierce, a former Texas Teachers college coach. He has been assigned to the Provost marshals department and doesn't know whether Bainbridge will have a football team next fall. . . . Ffc. Jack Graham of the Montreal Royals most popular player in 1942, has earned another most-popular award. After hitting 344 last year for the Kearns Field, Utah, Eagles, Jack has been named manager of the 1945 club.

#### SALARY CEILING

When George Lyttleton-Rogers, president of the Pro Tennis Association, was extolling Pvt. Frankie Kovacs in Oklahoma City the other day (George credits the discipline and food in Uncle Sams army for Franks improvement) the erstwhile screwball of tennis piped up: "I pay Mr. Rogers well for such publicity. You know I make \$22 a month now."

#### PREP PATTEN

The Converse, La., high school basketball team played 72 games during the past season and won 70 of them, including the state Class B title.

# Durocher Comes Through Unscathed In First 1945 Squabble

## Dixie Walker, Brooklyn's Most Determined Holdout, Agrees To Salary Terms

By JOE REICHLER

**NEW YORK, March 31.—(P)—**Lippy Leo Durocher, fiery manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was unscathed today after his first rift of the 1945 season with Branch Rickey, but his budding radio career took a definite second place to his baseball duties.

Rickey had asserted "there must be an election of professions" after learning Durocher left the Dodgers' Bear Mountain camp for New York to rehearse a script for a radio appearance and was unavailable for an important consultation.

But the pair emerged from a two-minute conference yesterday in perfect agreement, with Durocher quipping "just a tempest in a teapot."

The Brooklyn boss, however, did insist that the job of managing the Dodgers must be the paramount interest of Durocher. "It's okay for him to have broadcasting commitments, but they must be incidental," said Rickey, "baseball is a jealous mistress. It must not be divided."

The Dodgers received three pieces of news with mixed emotions. The tidings that brought joy to both Rickey and Durocher was that Dixie Walker, the club's most determined holdout, had agreed to terms. His salary was estimated at about \$18,500.

The bad news was that First Baseman Howard Schultz would probably not report at all this season. Schultz was placed in 1-A recently but was given permission to finish his college career at Hamline university, St. Paul. The other was the arrival of Catcher Mickey Owen with the information that he would be called into service April 23. He had not been expected to be called until July.

Briefs from other training camps: St. Louis Cardinals—While practice held indoors second straight day, Owner Sam Breadon announced Ted Wilks, 1944 leading National League pitcher in won and lost percentage, had signed. Wilks won 17 and lost 4 as rookie last year. Marty Marion still unsigned.

St. Louis Browns—Driven indoors by rain, team staged long workout in batting cage. Pitcher Jack Kramer appeared in good shape in his initial drill.

Cleveland Indians—Play double-header today against Chanute Field and Illinois U. varsity. Manager Lou Boudreau announced his regular season starting pitchers as Jim Bagby, Steve Gromek, Allie Reynolds, Red Embree, and Ol Smith or Rookie Earl Henry.

Pittsburgh Pirates—Possible switch of Frank Gusten to second base may create a shortstop problem, but young Vic Barnhart continues to impress onlookers as the leading rookie for the spot.

Philadelphia Phillies—Southpaw Ken Raffensberger picked to start against Bainbridge Monday. Lineup to include rookie Brothers Garvin Hamner at second and Granville Hamner at short.

Philadelphia Athletics—Jesse Flores to pitch in second game against Norfolk, N.T.S. sailors beat A's yesterday 2-1.

Boston Braves—Manager Bob Coleman worried about Pitcher Al Javery's arm, but brightened by showing of Catcher Clyde Klutz and Phil Masi.

Boston Red Sox—Manager Joe Cronin selects George Woods to oppose Yankees today.

New York Yankees—Shortstop Mike Milosevich notified Manager Joe McCarthy he will arrive Monday.

Rural Telephone—Local groups may organize and set up telephone cooperative similar to rural electrification groups to provide telephone service in instances where it cannot be furnished by established companies. Such cooperatives will work with State Rural Electrification Authority in Raleigh.

Enriched Flour—Flour, bread, degerminated meal and degerminated grits must be enriched by the addition of certain nutritional ingredients. Regulations and standards to be set up by Board of Agriculture.

Fair Improvements—The State Board of Agriculture may borrow as much as \$100,000 for the purpose of general improvement to State Fair buildings and grounds and may issue revenue bonds for the loan. Board authorized to use gate receipts or other revenues from the Fair to meet payments on bonds.

Fertilizer—The minimum number of plant food units for fertilizer was raised from 16 to 18, with the exception that there may be one grade of tobacco plant bed fertilizer, and one grade of regular tobacco fertilizer (3-8-5) containing 16 units, provided the 3-8-5 carries a red label warning the purchaser that it is not recommended by the expert station, and is a low grade fertilizer containing large quantities of inert material.

The Board of Agriculture and the expert station may adopt the number of grades of fertilizer which may be sold—with a floor of

## GUNDER HAEGG WILL RUN LAST AMERICAN RACE

**BUFFALO, N. Y., March 31.—(P)—**Gunder Haegg, the fleet Swede, is winging his way eastward aboard an airliner hoping to arrive in Buffalo in time for his farewell 1945 American race and a last chance to best his rival, Jimmy Rafferty of the New York Athletic club.

If all goes well, Haegg, who boarded a plane in California late yesterday, will arrive at 4:25 p. m. just five hours before he is scheduled to make his appearance on the 74th Army eight-lap track for the invitation mile.

The runner has been visiting his fiancée, Miss Dorothy Nortier, in Oakland, Calif., and was "bumped" from plane passenger lists Wednesday and Thursday by priorities. Niagara Association AAU officials and the 74th Army AA are keeping their fingers crossed against the possibility of his being bumped again, or the plane grounded for some reason.

Haegg holds a hatful of outdoor records, but has only 4:14.5 as his best mark on the boards. His other indoor clockings have been 4:31, 4:19 and 4:16.7, this last in Cleveland last week when he won the first race of his current tour, with Rafferty among the non-starters.

Rafferty, kingpin of the indoor circuit and unbeaten this season, said on his arrival last night: "I've beaten the Swedish wonder three times, and I don't see any reason why I shouldn't make it four tomorrow night."

Both he and Haegg have their sights trained on lowering the armory record of 4:12 set by Pavlo Nurni in 1920. The armory track is considered one of the fastest in the country.

Other runners in the field are Forest Efaf of the Bainbridge, Md., naval hospital, and Rudy Simms of the New York Pioneer club. The special mile is the feature of a track and field carnival that includes the national senior AAU women's indoor championships, first held since 1941.

Also scheduled are 70 and 100-yard invitation high hurdle races in which Haegg's countryman, Haakon Lidman, will compete against Ed Dugger, Dayton, O., national AAU indoor 60-yard high hurdle champion, and Owen Cassidy of the Columbia university midshipmen's school, national AAU outdoor hurdles king.

## Carl Snavely To Begin Grid Spring Training

**CHAPEL HILL, March 31.—(P)—**Coach Carl Snavely, who moved his base of operations back to the University of North Carolina after a sojourn at Cornell, will get his footballmen down to work Monday when spring training begins.

The Tar Heel mentor said the practice session will extend for six or eight weeks. He will be assisted by Russ Murphy and Max Reed.

## FINAL EASTER SEALS APPEAL

**Successful Benefit For Crippled Children Nears Close**

Reports today indicated that the citizens of Shelby and Cleveland county are responding encouragingly to the appeal to purchase Easter Seals for crippled children.

**Mel Ott In 20th Year With Major Leagues**

**NEW YORK, March 31.—(P)—**Manager Mel Ott of the New York Giants will be honored with a gold pass at the end of this season for having completed 20 years of service in the major leagues. Only 23 men have been so honored.

Silver passes, credit for 10 full seasons, will go to Joe DiMaggio, Yankees; Claude Passeau, Cubs; Harry Gumbert, Reds; Ray Berres and Johnny Mize, Giants; Frank Hayes, Athletics; Jeff Heath, Indians; Max Pritch, Johnny Lanning and Burgess Whitehead, Pirates; Buddy Lewis, Senators; Al Benton, Tigers; Joe Bowman, Red Sox; Debs Garm, Cards; and French Bordagaray, Dodgers.

The hazard of stillbirth is least among young women of ages 20 to 29 who are bearing their second child.



**SAME OLD STORY ABOUT A BIG MOUTH**—This greedy big-mouth bass took on more than he could swallow in the Pasquotank river near Elizabeth City, N. C., with the results as shown. He tried to gulp a medium sized "robbin" fish, but the "robbin" caught cross-wise in the big fellow's mouth. Roy Sutton, lumber mill employe, saw the bass struggle to the surface and promptly scooped him in—a total catch of six pounds. Herbert Peeler, editor and publisher of the Elizabeth City Advance, had this photo recorded for fisherman's posterity.

## NOVA TOOK A BEATING FROM BAKSI IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN BOUT

**NEW YORK, March 31.—(P)—**Lou Nova took a beating from Joe Baksi at Madison Square Garden last night, but his game showing probably earned him an Easter present of an outdoor bout at the Polo Grounds this summer.

A 14 to 5 underdog, Nova went down for a nine count in the fourth round, was staggered in the sixth, seventh and ninth and finished with a blood-smearing face, but he struck back courageously and the crowd of 14,094 cheered him at the end.

The gross gate of \$46,394 brought the garden's total receipts for 13 fight shows this year to \$836,308. That rate continued would double the 1944 intake. The next boxing program is not scheduled until May 25 when Bobby Ruffin meets Willie Joyce.

Baksi, ex-coal miner from Kulpmont, Pa., gained the unanimous decision over the Alameda, Calif., heavyweight principally because of

## Penna And Dodson Lead In Durham Open Golf Tourney

**DURHAM, March 31.—(P)—**Two of golf's "little men"—Today Penna and Leonard Dodson—unwilling to wait for inauguration of the Goggin plan, set out today to cut themselves a slice of the prize money in the \$6,666 Durham open.

The two happy - go - lucky pros—Tony wears a beret and Dodson affects a hat with the brim turned up in front—were the only ones in a field of 80 to break the Hope Valley Country club course 70 par in yesterday's opening round.

Tiny Tony from Dayton, Ohio, paced the field with a two-under 68. Leonard had a 69.

That started a scramble for the record book, as all the better known marksmen were at 70 or 71, two or three shots off the pace but within easy striking distance with 54 holes to go.

The book reveals that Penna last won a tournament in 1936, at Kansas City. He tied Jimmy Derraz in the western open at Houston in 1940 but lost in the playoff. He led the field with a 68 in the first round of the Miami open last fall but his best finish this year was third at Gulfport, Miss.

Dodson's last tourney triumph was in 1941 when he beat Ben Hogan and Dutch Harrison in a playoff for the Oakland open crown. He has been consistently far down in the money list this year, among the players whom Willie Goggin hopes to help by his proposed redistribution of prize money.

Yesterday Dodson was the first man off the tee. He breezed a round in only two hours 25 minutes.

The Greensiders were still picking the winner to come from one of the big fellows: Byron Nelson, Sam Snead, defending champion Craig Wood or Sam Byrd.

Nelson and Snead, still running neck and neck, had 71's, as did Jug McSpaden, Mike Turnesa, Joe Zarhardt and the amateur star, Ed Furgol of Utica, N. Y.

numbers several uniformed policemen, is being hit hard again by the draft. Another policeman left Friday, and two others will go to camp in the near future. The department now is short ten men.

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